and incidence of urban poverty. Minimum Floor levels are also adopted to avoid sub-critical allocations. Utilisation of sanctioned amount are taken into account in calculating the release of funds each year.

(b) The State-wise and year-wise details of beneficiaries are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 171, Annexure No. 57).

(c) Most of the States have contributed their share. Out of them some States have not provided their share in full resulting in shortfall. The States which have not contributed their share at all are Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. Both the States had not started the implementation of the Yojana.

(d) The Yojana is very meaningful and purposeful as it was launched with the objective of generating self employement and wage employement opportunities for the urban poor. Hence no improvement in the Yojana is proposed at this State.

विश्व बैंक से सहायता प्राप्त नलकूप परियोजनाओं के लिये धनराशि जारी किया जाना

3409. श्री दिलीप कुमार सिंह जूदेव : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में विशेषत: वहां के आदिवासी जिलों में, विश्व बैंक से सहायता प्राप्त नलकूप परियोजनाओं के लिए धनराशि जारी की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उक्त धनराशि कब तक जारी की जाएगी?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. के. थुगन) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में, विश्व बैंक की सहायता से कार्यान्वित करने के लिए सार्वजनिक नलकूप लगाने की किसी परियोजना को वित्तपोषित अथवा शुरू नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

Bhagiratha Committee

3410. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY Will the Minister of Water RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhagiratha Committee was formed with a view to improve the growth prospects of the northern coastal Andhra Pradesh consisting of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts and the upland areas of East Godaveri district;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to implement various irrigation project and Bhagiratha plan on warfooting to improve the irrigation facilities in the State;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for financial assistance for these schemes; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) The Union Government or the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have not set up Bhagiratha Committee. It is reported that some persons in their individual capacity have formed a Committee called Bhagiratha Committee with a view to improve the development of the Northern Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

(a) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Japanese Assistance for Narmada Dam Project

3411. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have requested the Government of Japan again to release assistance for the Narmada Dam Project; and

(b) if so, by when the assistance is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Since the release of first tranche of Oversea Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan loan amounting to 2.85 billion Yen in